

S-61

c. 1870

Frances Barnes Tenant House

Near Green Hill

Private

The Frances Barnes Tenant House is a delapidated Gothic Revival farmhouse which shares common building features with two nearby structures, the Green Hill Store (S- 206) and the dwelling of Frances Barnes (S- 207). However, the most noteworthy structures were the Victorian twin corn cribs that formerly stood next to the house. This farm is described in the estate survey of Frances Barnes' property in 1898.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-61

Magi No. 2000615504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frances Barnes Tenant House

and/or common Gothic House With Corn Cribs

2. Location

street & number US Route 13 ☐ not for publicationcity, town Westover ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Hist. Sites Inventory

date 1967 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Frances Barnes Tenant House stands along the northbound lane of US Route 13 just south of the Green Hill crossroads, near Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story four-bay frame house faces southwest with the main gable running on a northwest/southeast axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, this c. 1870 two-room plan house is sheathed with asphalt tile over weatherboards and is covered by a steeply pitched patterned slate roof. The eaves are extended and trimmed with remnants of decorative millwork. One wooden spire rises from the northwest end and pendants hang from each major corner.

The southwest (or main) facade is divided into four unevenly spaced bays with an alternating window-door-window-door on the first floor (right to left). The window sash along with the doors have been removed. A cross-gable is centered on the roof slope and is pierced by a Gothic-arch window. Located to each side of the center gable is a small window opening which lights the second floor. A small brick stove stack rises through the roof.

The northwest and southeast gable ends are largely alike with a single window opening on each floor. The second floor window has a Gothic arch.

The back (northeast) side is similarly detailed.

The interior has been largely striped of woodwork. The first floor is divided into two rooms with a partition between the third and fourth bays from the right. A corner stair is located in the smaller room. The second floor is divided into three rooms and a hallway. Built into several walls upstairs and down are small pocket windows which are found in two nearby structures both of which were owned by Frances Barnes in the late 19th century.

The corn cribs located on this site in 1967 have been removed from the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Frances Barnes Tenant House is a delapidated Gothic Revival farmhouse which shares common building features with two nearby buildings. However, the most noteworthy structures were the twin corn cribs which once stood next to the house but have been removed from the site. This property is described in the estate survey of Frances Barnes' property in 1898.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C 

D

E | | | | | | | | | |

F

G 

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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name/title	Paul Touart - Architectural Historian
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organization Somerset County Historical Trust **date** 6/11/84

street & number 424 North Somerset Avenue telephone 651-1094

city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Westover VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER --- PRESENT USE Deserted WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1½		2. NAME ---1310 S-61 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1870 STYLE ARCHITECT Victorian BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
<p>This is a simple 1½ storey Victorian house 4 bays wide and 2 deep. There are the remains of elaborate verge boards on the gable ends and the gable windows are pointed arched ones.</p> <p>The interesting feature on this property is not so much the house but the pair of corncribs adjoining it. These are decorated along their gable ends with elaborate tracery and are quite attractive.</p> <p>At present this property is abandoned and rotting away. Something should be done to save these very unusual outbuildings.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE			
Endangered		Interior	Exterior
Deteriorating			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD 4/8/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Somerset County TOWN Westover STREET NO. Westover</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Storage WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES One</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY S - 61A</p> <p>2. NAME Corn cribs (adjoining Gothic House S-61) DATE OR PERIOD c. 1870 STYLE Victorian ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">The corn cribs are decorated along their gable-ends with elaborate tracery of the period.</p> <p style="margin-top: 100px;"><u>Condition: Exterior is deteriorating</u></p>		<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH 2 B&W 5" x 7" prints 1 B&W Contact - Neg. 1 Color Slide</p>	
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul A. Brinkman Maryland Historical Trust</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DATE OF RECORD April 8, 1967</p>	

KINGSTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOMAP (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5860 II NE
(DIVIDING CREEK)

60 II NW
(ESS ANNE)

441

40'

442

443

1 190 000 FEET

445 75°37'30"

38°07'30"

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Frances Barnes Tenant House
Kingston Quadrangle, 1972

Wesley Ch

Greenhill

Lookout
Tower

Cottage Grove

Smullen

MENNONITE
CHURCH
ROAD

4219

4218

4217

100 000
FEET

POCOMOKE CITY 3.6 MI.



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
South Elevation
Near Westover, Somerset County
4/84 Paul Touart
Neg./ Maryland Historic Trust



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
Green Hill vicinity, Somerset Co., Md
Southeast elevation
1967, Daniel Church, photographer
Negative, MD Historical Trust

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Gothic House w/ Corn Cobs
Somerset

Photographed by
DANIEL C. CHURCH



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
Green Hill vicinity, Somerset Co., MD
South elevation of corn cribs
1967, Daniel Church, photographer
Negative, MD Historical Trust

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Gothic House with Corn Crib

Somerset

Victorian

*Corn Crib on
Route 13*

*South of Weston
in Somerset*

(see story)

*Photographed by
DANIEL C. CHURCH*



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